

PRESSURE SENSITIVE ADHESIVES HAVING QUATERNARY
AMMONIUM FUNCTIONALITY, ARTICLES,
AND METHODS

Abstract of the Disclosure

- 5 A pressure sensitive adhesive composition is provided that includes a pressure sensitive adhesive polymer. The polymer includes: at least one copolymerized monoethylenically unsaturated (meth)acrylic acid ester monomer, wherein the (meth)acrylic acid ester monomer, when homopolymerized, has a Tg of less than about 25°C; at least one copolymerized
- 10 monoethylenically unsaturated reinforcing monomer, wherein the reinforcing monomer, when homopolymerized, has a Tg of at least about 25°C; covalently bonded quarternary ammonium functionality; and, optionally, at least one copolymerized monoethylenically unsaturated poly(alkylene oxide) monomer. The composition optionally further includes at least one nonreactive
- 15 poly(alkylene oxide) polymer and/or at least one antimicrobial agent.

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